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STABILITY					
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A.1.1.1	9	A one-year baseline for FY 2005 will establish the average monthly number of licensed relative and non-relative beds in active foster homes by region and for the state as a whole. Additional baseline reports will be generated for each of the following categories: 1) Unlicensed relative caregivers; 2) Racial/ethnic identification of principal caregiver; 3) Caregivers with preferences/required equipment for specific age groups; 4) (infant, child, adolescent); and 5) Level of care: regular family foster care, enhanced family foster care, therapeutic foster care, congregate care, respite care.	Annual count of (1) active licensed foster homes and bed capacity and (2) unlicensed relative homes and beds (child count). Additional baseline reports concerning licensed foster homes will be generated for each of the following categories: 1) Caregivers with preferences for specific age groups (infant, child, adolescent); and 2) Level of care: Level 1-4 family foster care, receiving care, congregate care (BRS), respite care.		Baseline and Reports Completed and submitted
A.1.2.1	10	A one-year baseline for FY 2005 will be established for the pool of non-relative caregivers who reflect the racial/ethnic diversity of children in the state for whom foster homes are needed, with analysis by region and for the state as a whole.	REPORT ONLY - Annual count of licensed homes and bed capacity by race(s) of primary caregiver(s), compared to race(s) of children for whom foster homes are needed.	CA and panel representatives agreed that representing actual or desirable matches between children and foster homes based on race data was not desirable and would not be attempted for any benchmark baseline measure	Report Completed and submitted (for descriptive purposes only)
A.1.3.1	10	A one-year baseline for FY 2005 will establish the average number of years that licensed non-relative caregiver homes providing family foster care are active. The baseline will be set by region and for the state as a whole. An additional report will establish baselines by the race/ethnicity of the principal caregivers.	Annual count of active foster homes by years of service from first year of service to report year. Average years of service for homes active during each year.	No additional report is being developed based on the race/ethnicity of the principal caregiver	Baseline Completed and submitted
A.1.4.1	11	A one-year baseline for FY 2005 will be established for percentage of the children who have experienced three or more placements during their current out-of-home episode of care, (not including respite care, hospital stays, first placement with siblings or first placement with relative caregivers) by region and for the state as a whole. A separate benchmark will be established if the percentage of children who experience three or more placements during their current out-of-home episode of care differs significantly between any of the five racial/ethnic categories for children in the class.	Annual report of children experiencing three or more placements during a continuous episode of responsibility by the CA (a re-defined placement episode), within time-in-care groupings (<=1 year, 1-2 years, 2-3 years, 3-4 years, >4 years) for fiscal year entry cohorts. Placement types excluded include: first placement with relatives, hospital, detention, juvenile rehabilitation, on-run, respite and birth/adoptive parent placements.	Benchmark baseline report displays percent of children WITHOUT 3 or more events.	Baseline Completed and submitted
A.1.5.1	11	A one-year baseline for FY 2005 will establish the percentage of children in custody for at least 30 days for whom there is evidence that the initial placement was based on needs of the child and the capacity of the placement to meet those needs, by region and for the state as a whole.	No changes		Case review - December 2006 Baseline Delivery
A.1.6.1	12	A one-year baseline for FY 2007 will establish the percentage of children with placement changes while in custody for at least 30 days, for whom there is evidence that replacement decisions were based on the needs of the child and the capacity of the placement to meet those needs.	No changes		Case review - December 2006 Baseline Delivery

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B.1.1.1	19	Children entering out-of-home care will have initial health screening within 72 hours of entering care (baseline FY07).	No changes		Not due until 2007
B.1.2.1	20	Children in out-of-home care 30 days or longer will have completed and documented Child Health and Education Track (CHET) screens within 30 days of entering care. (Baseline FY05)	No changes		Baseline Completed and submitted
B.1.2.2	21	Children in out-of-home care will have EPSDT exams completed within 30 days of entering care. (Baseline FY05)	No changes		Baseline Completed and submitted
B.1.2.3	21	Within 60 days of entering care, CA will conduct a Shared Planning Meeting (see Glossary) that focuses on the CHET screening results. (Baseline FY05)	No changes	The CA is evaluating alternatives for data collection, including modifications to CAMIS and the implementation of a new database application, and will select an option in October 2006. Development is expected to be completed by January 2007. Baseline data collection anticipated from Jan to June 2007.	No retrospective baseline possible - June 2007 Baseline Delivery
B.1.2.4	21	Children age 12 and above will attend the Shared Planning Meetings that focus on their CHET screening results. (Baseline FY05)	No changes		No retrospective baseline possible - June 2007 Baseline Delivery
B.1.2.5	22	The CHET Shared Planning Meeting, held within 60 days of each child entering care, will be attended by one or more of the following: caregivers, birth parents/legal guardians, tribal representatives (when applicable), and children's representatives. (Baseline FY05)	No changes		No retrospective baseline possible - June 2007 Baseline Delivery
B.1.2.6	22	Caregivers, birth parents, tribal representatives (when applicable), mental health and/or substance abuse providers (when applicable), and children's representatives will each be provided a copy of the CHET screening report and recommendations from the Shared Planning Meeting. (Baseline FY05)	No changes		No retrospective baseline possible - June 2007 Baseline Delivery
B.1.2.7	22	Children under age three, identified with concerns about developmental delays in the CHET screening, will be referred to the Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program (ITEIP) within 2 workdays. (Baseline FY05)	No changes		Baseline Completed and submitted
B.2.1.1	24	Children will have documented health and education plans in their ISSPs within 60 days of placement. (Baseline FY05)	No changes		Case review - December 2006 Baseline Delivery
B.2.1.2	24	CA will update health and education plans every six months. These plans will be discussed/shared with caregivers, birth parents, tribal representatives (when applicable), children over age 12, and children's representatives, except when this would be in conflict with existing state law. This exception will be noted in the child's ISSP. (Baseline FY05)	No changes		Case review - December 2006 Baseline Delivery
B.3.1.1	26	Children entering out-of-home care, who are identified by the CHET screening as needing a comprehensive mental health assessment, will receive one within 45 calendar days of entering care. (Baseline FY05)	No changes		Baseline Completed and submitted

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B.3.1.2	26	Comprehensive mental health assessments for children already in placement will be provided within 30 days of a request for an assessment. (Baseline FY05)	No changes	MHD does not currently collect data needed for these baselines. In technical assistance sessions with the Panel, MHD set forth alternative approaches using available data that are under consideration by the Panel.	June 2007 if proposal under consideration by Panel is adopted
B.3.1.3	27	Children with emergent needs will be seen for crisis intervention with relevant assessment within 2 hours of the initial contact and request for intervention. (Baseline FY05)			
B.3.1.4	27	Children with urgent needs will be seen for crisis intervention with relevant assessment within 24 hours of the initial contact and request for intervention. (Baseline FY05)			
B.3.1.5	27	Children in out-of-home care will be screened for mental health needs every 12 months (Baseline FY05)	Annual report of children in care at least one year who received an EPSDT exam within the previous 12 months		Baseline Completed and submitted
B.3.1.6	28	Screening and assessment results will be provided every 12 months to the following persons: parents, caregivers, tribal representatives (when applicable), children's representatives, and children over 12, except when expressly limited by existing state law or a child's lawful assertion of confidentiality. This exception will be noted in the child's ISSP. (Baseline FY05)	No changes	The CA is evaluating alternatives for data collection, including modifications to CAMIS and the implementation of a new database application, and will select an option in September 2006	No retrospective baseline possible - June 2007 Baseline Delivery
B.3.2.1	28	Children will receive recommended services from a qualified mental health and/or substance abuse service provider within 30 days of the completion of an assessment recommending services. (Baseline FY05)	Annual report of children who received mental health services within 30 days of a mental health assessment		Baseline Completed and submitted
B.3.2.2	29	Children with emergent or urgent needs (due to mental health and/or substance use disorder) will be served within the timeframes indicated in their assessments. (Baseline FY05)		MHD does not currently collect data needed for these baselines. In technical assistance sessions with the Panel, MHD set forth alternative approaches using available data that are under consideration by the Panel.	June 2007 if proposal under consideration by Panel is adopted
B.3.2.3	29	Children experiencing a crisis (mental health or substance use disorder) will receive crisis intervention services (Baseline FY05)			
B.3.2.4	30	Clinical staffings will be held by the RSN and DCFS to develop an appropriate alternative plan and services for any child who is denied an assessment or treatment services by community-based mental health and/or substance abuse service providers. (Baseline FY05)	No changes		
B.3.3.1	31	The quality and service level for children from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds will increase yearly by region and for the state as a whole. (Baseline FY08)			
B.4.1.1	34	Each child will receive behavioral health services from the same individual provider. (Baseline FY06)			

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FOSTER PARENT TRAINING					
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C.1.1.1	35	A point-in-time baseline, conducted during 2007, will establish the percentage of licensed relative and non-relative caregivers reporting adequate training for their role responsibilities, by region and for the state as a whole.			Foster parent survey - June 2007 Baseline Delivery
C.1.2.1	36	A point-in-time baseline, conducted during 2007, will establish the percentage of licensed relative and non-relative caregivers reporting adequate support for their role responsibilities, by region and for the state as a whole.			Foster parent survey - June 2007 Baseline Delivery
C.1.3.1	36	A point-in-time baseline conducted during 2007 will establish the percentage of licensed relative and non-relative caregivers reporting adequate provision of information about the needs of children placed with them, by region and for the state as a whole.			Foster parent survey - June 2007 Baseline Delivery
C.2.1.1	38	A one-year baseline for 2005 will be established for the percentage of foster parents completing 36 hours of in-service training for each three-year period. Baseline reports for the monitoring period will include separate tabulations for foster and relative caregivers, licensed and unlicensed caregivers	Changed from a benchmark to a report	Developing data for all foster homes licensed or re-licensed during FY05	Draft Report Initially Completed 6/30, now being re-developed with expected delivery October 2006
C.2.2.1	38	A one-year baseline for FY 2006 will be established for the percentage of licensed relative and non-relative caregivers reporting receiving an annual assessment and development plan (as specified in Action Step 7), by region and for the state as a whole.			Foster parent survey - June 2007 Baseline Delivery
UNSAFE/INAPPROPRIATE PLACEMENT					
D.1.1.1	45	A one-year baseline for FY 2005 will establish the percentage (and absolute number) of children placed in prohibited settings, by region and for the state as a whole.	No changes		Baseline Completed and submitted
D.1.2.1	46	A one-year baseline for FY 2005 will establish the percentage (and absolute number) of children who have overnight stays at DSHS offices or in apartments or hotels (unless an appropriate licensed foster family or relative caregiver is not available and only with administrative approval and a determination that adequate supervision is provided for the child as indicated in the Department's October 10, 2004 memo to CA staff, or youth with Independent Living Plans authorizing such placement), by region and for the state as a whole.	No changes		In process for April 2007 delivery

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D.1.3.1	46	A one-year baseline for FY 2005 will establish the percentage (and absolute number) of children (with a history of sexually aggressive or physically assaultive behavior with other children) where the protective measures in the Department's October 10, 2004 memo are met in each placement decision and fully documented. The baseline will be set by region and for the state as a whole.			Case review - December 2006 Baseline Delivery
D.1.4.1	47	A one-year baseline for FY 2005 will establish the percentage of medically fragile children connected to appropriate and ongoing medical care and placed with caregivers who receive consultation and training regarding their caretaking responsibilities for the medical condition, by region and for the state as a whole.			Foster parent survey - June 2007 Baseline Delivery
D.1.5.1	48	A one-year baseline for FY 2005 will establish the percentage of children receiving a private and individual face-to-face visit from the caseworker for each full placement month, by region and for the state as a whole.		The CA plans to develop new CAMIS codes and to collect performance data based on the new visit codes and the proposed plan to phase in 30 day visits	No retrospective baseline possible - April 2007 Baseline Delivery
D.2.2.1	50	A one-year baseline for FY 2005 will establish the percentage of referrals alleging child abuse and neglect of children in out-of-home care that received thorough investigation within CA policy timelines and with required documentation by the Division of Licensing Resources, including safety assessment and safety planning, by region and for the state as a whole. Summary annual reports to the Panel will include: 1) characteristics of the alleged victimization (e.g., age, gender, perpetrator, type of out-of-home setting), 2) outcomes of the investigation (e.g., time from referral to completion of investigation, including any removal action or licensing decisions) by region and for the state as a whole.	BENCHMARK DATA TO BE COLLECTED BY CASE REVIEW. CA annual report of: 1) characteristics of the alleged victimization (e.g., age, gender, perpetrator roles, type of out-of-home setting), 2) outcomes of the investigation (e.g., time from referral to completion of investigation, service decisions, removal decisions) by region and for the state as a whole.	Data developed to describe characteristics of DLR/CPS reports is being reviewed by DLR to evaluate relevance and accuracy	Report Completed and submitted (for descriptive purposes only)
SIBLINGS					
E.1.1.1	55	A one-year baseline for FY 2006 will establish the percentage of children in the class placed with (1) any siblings and (2) all siblings, for children placed in regular licensed relative and non-relative foster care, for the state as a whole and for each of the six regions. An additional baseline report will be generated for race/ethnicity of principal caregiver.	A one-year baseline for FY 2006 will establish the percentage of children in the class placed with (1) any siblings and (2) all siblings, by sibling group size, for children placed in regular licensed relative and non-relative foster care, for the state as a whole and for each of the six regions. An additional baseline report will be generated for race/ethnicity of principal caregiver.	No additional report is being developed based on the race/ethnicity of the principal caregiver	Baseline Completed and submitted
E.2.1.1	57	A one-year baseline for FY 2006 will establish the percentage of children placed apart from their siblings who have two or more monthly visits or contacts (not including staffing meetings or court events) with some or all of their siblings, by region and for the state as a whole. An additional baseline report will be generated for racial/ethnic categories.	No changes		Case Review - April 2007 Baseline Delivery

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ADOLESCENTS					
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F.2.1.1	65	A one-year baseline for FY 2005 will be established for the percentage of school-age children enrolled in or attending school within three school days of entering care or changing placements.		The CA is pursuing the re-emphasis of existing policies concerning CAMIS documentation, the addition of data fields to CAMIS, and data sharing with OSPI	No retrospective baseline possible - June 2007 Baseline Delivery
F.2.2.1	66	A one-year baseline for FY 2005 will be established for the percentage of school aged children whose placement allowed them to remain enrolled in the same school they were attending when they entered foster care.			No retrospective baseline possible - June 2007 Baseline Delivery
F.2.3.1	66	Foster children will be at the age-appropriate grade, consistent with their developmental and or cognitive abilities, or making substantial progress in that direction (goal statement)			No retrospective baseline possible - June 2007 Baseline Delivery
F.2.4.1	68	A one-year baseline for FY 2007 will establish the percentage of youth with a high school diploma (adjusted for developmental level and socio-demographic characteristics). A comparable percentage of school-age children in the general population with a high school diploma will be determined, with an analysis of differences (adjusted for developmental level and socio-demographic characteristics by region).			No retrospective baseline possible - June 2007 Baseline Delivery
F.2.5.1	66	A one-year baseline for FY 2007 will be established for the percentage of youth with a GED and the percentage of youth in the state's general population who receive GEDs (adjusted for developmental level, and socio-demographic characteristics).			No retrospective baseline possible - June 2007 Baseline Delivery

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F.2.6.1	69	A one-year baseline for FY 2006 will be established for the percentage of youth who are 15 years of age and older and have received or are receiving the age-appropriate services in preparation for independent living; to include the following at a minimum: Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment yearly, Independent Living-Learning Plan updated yearly and coordinated with responsible school district if the youth is receiving special education services, and multi-disciplinary staffings for youth six months before exit. Reports will include comparisons by racial/ethnic group.	No changes		Case review - December 2006 Baseline Delivery
F.3.1.1	72	A one-year baseline for FY 2005 will be established for the percentage of children who ran from out-of-home care placements during 2005 and from out-of-home care during their current episode in out-of-home care.	No changes		Baseline Completed and submitted
F.3.2.1	72	A one-year baseline for FY 2005 will be established for the percentage of children who run from out-of-home care placements two or more times during their current episode in out-of-home care.	No changes		Baseline Completed and submitted
F.3.3.1	73	A one-year baseline for FY 2005 will be established for the average number of days (mean and median) for children who run from out-of-home care placements during their current episode in out-of-home care.	No changes		Baseline Completed and submitted